RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, 27th February, 1996/8th Phalguna 1917 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the Clock

Mr. Chairman in the Chair

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on the 18th January, 1996, at the age of 73.

Born in May, 1923 at Nimmakuru in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N.T. Rama Rao had his education at Vijayawada and Guntur. He took up his first job as a Sub-Registrar. Later on he entered the film world. He remained an actor for over 40 years, featuring in more than 320 films. In 1982, he founded the Telugu Desam Party in Andhra Pradesh and became the Chief Minister of that State in 1983, 1985 and again in 1994. Later he rose to become one of the popular national leaders. As Chief Minister, Shri N.T. Rama Rao had the interest of poor and down-trodden sections of the society uppermost in his mind and worked ceaselessly to ameliorate their living conditions. Some of his welfare schemes were extremely popular and touched the lives of the ordinary people. Shri Rama Rao was also popular among the masses of his State for his secular deas. His services for the development of Andhra Pradesh and his contribution in the sphere of art and culture will always be remembered.

In the passing away of Shri N.T. Rama Rao the country has lost an eminent national leader, popular matinee idol, an able administrator who made invaluable contribution in diverse sectors of national life.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri N.T. Rama Rao.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved family our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

RE. REQUEST FOR THE SUSPENSION OF QUESTION HOUR

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Sir, I have requested for the suspension of Question Hour today. (*Interruptions*)... because a very serious situation of chaos and destabilised polity has arisen in the country. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir,... (*Interruptions*).

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA (Bihar): Sir,...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: We are demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister because he is entirely responsible for throwing the country into a total mess, Sir. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, ...(*Interruptions*).

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: ऐसी परिस्थितियों में प्रधानमंत्री को त्याग-पत्र देना चाहिये। **(व्यवधान)**

हम लोग प्रधानमंत्री के त्याग-पत्र की मांग करते हैं **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Sir, ...(*Interruptions*)*

It is very unfortunate... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received notices of a calling Attention Motion... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, may I explain my notice? (*Interruptions*).

I will explain my notice...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: We want the resignation of the Prime Minister ...(*Interruptions*) Sir, he has failed in the security of the country...(*Interruptions*) charges of corruption have been levelled against him...(*Interruptions*).

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Question Hour must be suspended... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I gave a notice for suspension of Question Hour...(*Interruptions*)

श्री सुरेन्द्र कुमार सिंगला (पंजाब) : जो आडवाणी साहब ने पैसा लिया है...(व्यवधान)

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: The Prime Minister must resign...(*Interruptions*) He has no business to come to the House...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received notices for *hawala* discussion... (*Interruptions*) May I say something? (*Interruptions*) I have to give my ruling...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI (Uttar Pradesh): The Prime Minister should go... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: He is destroying this country... (*Interruptions*)

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया): ये हल्ला मचा रहे हैं इस मुद्दे पर बहस होनी चाहिए।...(व्यवधान)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir,... (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: We do not want to hear you... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I gave a notice for suspension of Question Hour. I would like to explain as to why I gave this notice... (*Interruptions*)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Broadcast of Sports Programmes from National Channel of All India Radio

*1. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the titles of the sports programmes, both in Hindi and English, being broadcast from the National Channel, All India Radio, New Delhi;

(b) the names and credentials of presenters, talkers and experts booked in the said programmes and the fees paid to them programme-wise and date-wise during the last one year;

(c) the names of presenters and talkers introduced and banned during the last one year; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The details are as under:-

Hindi	:	(i) 'Khel Parikrama'
		(ii) 'Khel Ke Maidan Se'
English	:	Sports Round Up.

(b) The details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) The details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Does not arise.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: The Prime Minister must resign... (*Interruptions*). There is a serious allegation. (*Interruptions*).
The Prime Minister should resign...(*Interruptions*).

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.